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EVALUATION FORM FOR EXEMPTION MODIFICATIONS

EXEMPTION NUMBER/REVISION:

E-12122, Rev.5

APPLICANT:

Atlantic Research Corp. Automotive

Products Group

APPLICATION DATE:

March April 31, 2003

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46806

EXEMPTION MODIFICATION REQUEST:

1. Add & modify 178.65(f)(3) for shifts beyond 10 hrs.

2. Remove flattening test requirement.

3. Remove 100% radiography requirement.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION:

1. Will bring this exemption up to date with others, current airbag industry manufacturing practices necessitate longer production shift time,

2. & 3. Pressure vessels are fabricated under state of the art manufacturing processes that include Helium leak testing. Current welding and materials technology within the automotive communities have evolved to a level of sophistication that allows for atlernative means to establish weld quality and repeatability. Applicant has provided documentation supporting this change. All current airbag exemptions (e.g., E-11494, E-11777, E-11506, 11650, 12844) do not have this requirement

REVISIONS MADE TO PARAGRAPH(S): 7.b.1.i & 2

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